

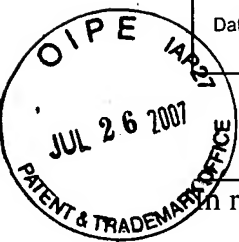
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For: **MODIFIED FREE-LIVING MICROBES,  
VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS OF USE THEREOF**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20070118), for which a response is due on April 26, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for 3 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 26, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.